

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action in this matter mailed March 9, 2004, Applicant hereby amends claims 1 and 3 through 6, and cancels claim 2 without prejudice to any future claim or application reciting the same or similar subject matter. Applicant also adds claims 7 through 12. No new claims have been added and no new matter has been added to this application by way of any of the foregoing amendments and additional claims. Claims 1 and 3 through 12 therefore remain in this application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the claims as indefinite. Applicant hereby revises the claims to obviate each objection, taking into account the Examiner's suggestions where provided.

Additionally, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 5, and 6 as being anticipated by Shier. Shier, however, does not teach restricting the movement of a golf ball during the swinging of the putter by a user. With the foregoing amendments positively reciting the same in claim 1, Applicant submits that Shier does not anticipate claims 1, 5, or 6.

The Examiner also rejected claims 1, 3, 4, and 6 as being anticipated by Brzezinski. As the Examiner suggested, Applicant amended claim 1 to positively recite elements previously cited in an unclear manner. Applicant respectfully submits that

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claims 1, 3, 4, and 6, as amended herein, are not anticipated by Brzezinski. Similarly, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 2 as being anticipated by Fatur. As the Examiner suggested, Applicant amended claim 1 to positively recite elements previously cited in an unclear manner. Accordingly, Applicant submits that neither Brzezinski nor Fatur anticipate claims 1, 2, 3, 4 or 6.

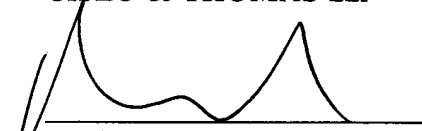
Having responded to each of the Examiner's concerns, Applicant asserts that the application is now in condition for allowance and solicits such action. If a telephone interview will advance the allowance of the application, enabling an Examiner's amendment or other meaningful discussion of the case, Applicant requests the Examiner contact Applicant's representative at the number listed below.

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It is not believed that any additional fees are due; however, in the event any additional fees are due, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicant's attorney's deposit account no. 03-2030.

Respectfully submitted,

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